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Student Senate Approves Mock United Nations

Tony Dreibus
News Editor

After about five minutes of discussion, UNO Student Government voted Thursday night to move on with a plan to stage a mock United Nations for Midwest high school students on the UNO campus.

The program, spearheaded by Senator Pete Wetzel of the college of IS&T, would become a "UNO tradition," he said.

The cost of the program is about \$11,700 and if the money is not provided by corporate sponsors, it would come from a reserve fund that is partially under student government control.

The reserve is made up of left over fees from past semesters and has over \$105,000 in it, Wetzel said.

A committee, led by Wetzel, researched the plan, by looking at what other, more prestigious universities, such as Harvard and Brigham Young have done to fight apathy and low retention amongst their student bodies.

The plan is to bring about 100 high school students, who show interest and motivation to UNO for the mock United Nations, Wetzel said.

This would give these students the opportunity to see UNO, benefiting recruitment, retention and bringing a touch of prestige to UNO, he said.

"We have so many departments that

are actually in the top 10 in the nation, like International Studies, and no one knows about it," Wetzel said. "UNO has so much going for it, but our target audience, which would be graduating high school students, doesn't know about UNO."

"We'd like to change the University of No Opportunity to the University of New Opportunity," Wetzel said.

The problem, said Student President/Regent Jon Shradar, is the price tag and student senators not adequately thinking about their vote before passing the resolution.

"I don't see this as student government's responsibility. That's something for recruitment and retention, for the academic programs to take charge of," he said. "The students have already paid that \$8 fee, they want us to allocate the money to benefit them, not future students."

"(Student government) can support that, but we can't pay for it. I don't want my \$8 to go to some high school freshman or sophomore that's going to stay in the Doubletree for two or three nights, and I don't think the majority of our students want that," Shradar said.

Shradar plans on vetoing the resolution when it crosses his desk, which will send it back to the student senate and require a two-thirds vote to become active.

"I don't believe the senate dis-

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An Earth Day Celebration



CM Chris Machlan

John Lasley of the Omaha tribe participates in the Earth Day Pow Wow in the Milo Ball Student Center Thursday. For coverage and photos of last week's event, turn to page 7.

Technicality Delays Senate Vote on V.P.

Tony Dreibus
News Editor

For about three weeks, UNO's Student Government has been discussing the possibility of creating a vice-president position to assist the president/regent and chief administrative officer.

It looks like that wasn't long enough.

UNO Student Government was set to vote on whether or not to move on with the plan, when it was brought up by Senator Joel Richter, after nearly an hour of debate, that the proposal had not been in the hands of the senators for the mandatory seven days.

The proposal, authored by Senator

Brandon Steenson, was submitted Monday, Richter said, and according to student government by-laws, a proposal must have been authored seven days prior in order for the student senate to vote.

The senate will discuss the proposal more during the May 13 meeting. If approved by the student senate, the proposal will then need to be approved by UNO Chancellor Nancy Belck and the University of Nebraska Board of Regents, before it could be enacted.

Steenson said a new assembly needs to be created that represents more of the student body, and if created, the vice president would be in charge of the assembly.

SPO Raises Dollars For Charity

Tony Dreibus
News Editor

Student Programming Organization (SPO) presented a check for \$1,670.60 to the Children's Crisis Center Wednesday, money raised during a March Madness event last month.

The Penny Pitcher Prince and Princess competition raised the money that will help fund the crisis center's programs, which helps children who are abused, neglected, or from a troubled family.

"(This donation) helps, it all goes into the big budget," said Chris Kramer, director of major gifts and planned giving at the Children's Crisis Center and Kids' Cottage. "We need all of the contributions, so we can help those kids."

The center, 46th and Dodge Streets, and Kids' Cottage, 42nd and Giles Roads, help about 10,000 kids per year, Kramer said.

But the two shelters combined can only house 36 children at a given time, meaning thousands are turned away per

year.

"Alcohol and drug abuse (amongst parents) are big factors," Kramer said. "But they're not the only ones."

The children who do get in are given food, shelter, care and a loving environment, Kramer said.

From there, some are taken to foster homes, or put back in their own home, if the parents complete their program, she said.

The program is funded partly by the state, through grants,

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Video, Note Provide Macabre Twist To Colorado Tragedy

College Press Exchange

LITTLETON, Colo. - Perhaps it was a rehearsal.

Or maybe the video that Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold made together as a class project last fall was what gave them the idea for their rampage at Columbine High School.

Either way, reports Thursday of a video in which the two act out the same sort of killing spree that they actually carried through with this week at the school provided a macabre twist to the tragedy.

On Tuesday, Harris and Klebold just a few weeks short of graduation, stalked through the hallways and classrooms of the school wearing long black trench coats - the same they wore in the video.

In the tape, Harris, 18, and Klebold, 17, "had their friends pretend to be the jocks, and they pretended to be the gunmen shooting them," junior Chris Reilly told the Rocky Mountain News. The video included special effects, such as blood gushing out of bodies, according to Ben Oakley, a sophomore who said a friend has a copy.

During Tuesday's rampage, the two gunmen targeted athletes, shouting at one point, "All jocks stand up. We're going to kill every one of you."

Reilly, who viewed the video, said, "It represented what happened."

He said Harris and Klebold "were a little upset they couldn't show their video to

the whole school. But there were guns in every scene of the video, so you can't show that."

Sixteen-year-old Eric Veik, who helped Harris and Klebold produce several videos, said the projects all had similar themes. Harris and Klebold "always wore trench coats. They always wanted to be the intimidators, the good guys out to get the bad guys."

Veik said that, after the shootings, he gave copies of the videos to police.

Authorities also said Thursday that a note written by one of the gunmen was found during a search of the Harris and Klebold homes, but they declined to discuss its contents.

Earlier in the day, CNN reported that, according to two unnamed sources, the note said, "Don't blame anyone else. This is the way we want to go out."

Police said they were interviewing friends of the gunmen as well as other students in an effort to determine if Harris and Klebold had help either before or during their rampage. Murder charges will be filed against anyone who assisted the two, police said.

"There is a very good chance that more people were involved," said Steve Davis, a spokesman for the Jefferson County sheriff.

Indeed, the discovery of another bomb Thursday intensified police suspicions. The sheer weight of all the bombs and guns that Harris and Klebold used or planted at the school appeared to be more than the

two could have carried.

"I don't know how two people could have brought this in here," said

Police now say that, given all the explosives Harris and Klebold had, their object clearly was to destroy the Columbine school building.

Police are hopeful that a video surveillance camera in the high school library, where most of the murders were committed - and where Harris and Klebold committed suicide - will shed light on the massacre.

Documents from the Jefferson County District Court in connection with the arrest of Harris and Klebold a year ago describe them as bright and full of potential.

The report, written three months ago when the two seniors completed a yearlong probation program, was written by a court officer whose name was blacked out in the copy made public.

Klebold, the officer wrote, "is a bright young man who has a great deal of potential. If he is able to tap his potential and become self-motivated, he should do well in life. Dylan has earned the right for an early termination. . . . He is intelligent enough to make any dream a reality but he needs to understand hard work is part of it."

Regarding Harris, the officer wrote: "Eric is a very bright young man who is likely to succeed in life. He is intelligent enough to achieve lofty goals as long as he stays on task and remains motivated."

The two students had been arrested after breaking into a van. They completed 45 hours of community service, received individual counseling and wrote an apology letter, according to the documents. Harris also was given anger-management counseling that, according to the officer, he enjoyed.

Harris and Klebold were members of the "Trench Coat Mafia," a small clique of students who wore long, black trench coats in all weather and disparaged Jews, Hispanics and African-Americans.

The "Trench Coat Mafia," with their black clothes and their enjoyment of shock rocker Marilyn Manson, appeared to be typical Goths, a death-obsessed subculture favored by many adolescent boys.

"I do not feel that those youths in any way reflect Goth youth or Goth culture," said Ali Ohta, publicity director for Cleopatra Records, a Goth music label based in Los Angeles.

Manson issued a statement: "It's tragic and disgusting any time young people's lives are taken in an act of senseless violence. My condolences go out to the students and their families."

In the aftermath of the killings, Manson's concert in Denver, scheduled for April 30, was canceled by the radio station sponsoring it.

Chicago Tribune staff writers Lisa Anderson in Littleton, Colo., Patrick T. Reardon in Chicago contributed to this report.

Student Government Gets Living Room

Tony Dreibus

News Editor

Student senators voted Thursday night to spend over \$1,800 on new furniture for their office in the Milo Bail Student Center.

Chief Administrative Officer DeAnn Hanisch said the reason for the purchase is to make the student government office more inviting, possibly to attract more students in and keep current senators around.

"We want (general students) to feel more welcome to come in and talk to us," Hanisch said.

The new furniture, a sofa, love seat, chair and ottoman, is already in place, and replaces the blue cubicles that previously made up the UNO Student Government office.

The money will come from student government's regular contingency fund, Hanisch said.

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Graduation An Achievement

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Staff Writer

As graduation nears, many take time to reflect on its actual meaning. For many, graduation means more late night study sessions, stressful finals and last minute preparations.

For others, graduation has a more long-term meaning.

For one UNO senior, graduation symbolizes a type of liberation from the way she was forced to live due to her lack of education.

"For me it's a type of liberation from being poor. I had to drop out of school when I was younger to raise my family, so now I'm able to do more things since I have my degree," UNO Senior Jimmie Hudson said.

Because of the many years spent on campus and the effort put into graduating, many seniors look back and reflect on what they believe they will miss the most.

Corey Brewer, a UNO senior, said he will miss more than just his friends and fun times he had.

"Of course I'll miss my friends, but I will also miss some of my professors as well. I have to admit, they were very helpful, especially at times when I thought I couldn't make it," Brewer said.

Even though graduation is a very important and memorable event, it is still just a stepping stone en route to bigger things. College, as an institution, has always been built up to be the biggest part of one's life, however, what comes next is what matters. Many students wonder if their college years were enough to prepare them for their future occupations.

Hudson said her education at UNO prepared her well for her career. She said, "without the education here I wouldn't have even been ready to manage a class let alone teach one. I also wouldn't have been mentally ready to take on the challenge of teaching."

"For most professions," Brewer said, "it takes mental preparation as well as knowledge to succeed. I think I received both here at UNO."

Internship Denied Academic Credit

College Press Exchange

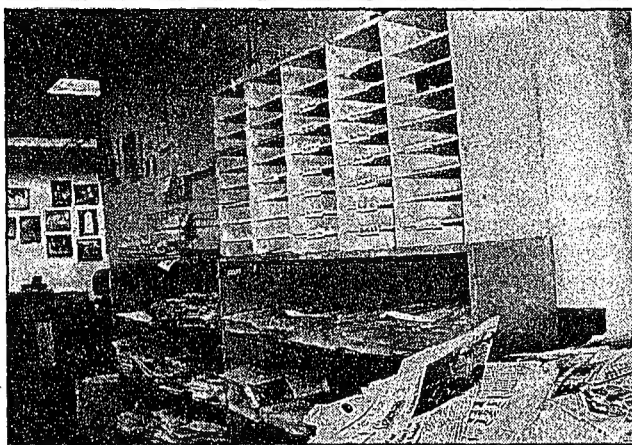
ST. PAUL, Minn. - Officials at the University of Saint Thomas refused to give academic credit to a student who chose to do an internship at Planned Parenthood, fueling a campus debate about whether the Roman Catholic school's values are compromising academic freedom.

The student, a senior who wished to remain anonymous, was required to complete an internship to get a bachelor's degree in sociology. She said she chose the local Planned Parenthood office because she wanted to work with rape victims. But the organization also performs abortions - a procedure the Catholic church vehemently opposes.

The Rev. Dennis Dease heard about the internship and decided that the student could continue her work but wouldn't receive academic credit for it. His ruling sparked heated debate on campus, drawing criticism from Campus Freethought, an association of secular student groups that criticized what it called the school's lip service to respecting the views of students, faculty and campus groups who do not share its religious views.

Dease eventually waived the internship requirement for the student, who will be allowed to graduate on time. To prevent similar controversy in the future, he asked faculty to draft a list of organizations with values that aren't in line with the church's beliefs. The idea was abandoned after faculty said the list would be too difficult to compile and maintain.

Get to Know Your Campus



This office look familiar? To Gateway staffers, it's our second home. For the answer to this week's "Get To Know Your Campus," grab a Gateway this Friday; the last paper of the spring 1999 semester. My, how time flies!

CM Chris Machian

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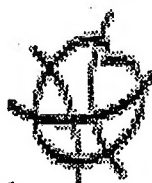
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•Weather forecast for Nebraska and Iowa: May, June, July 1999: Much warmer than January, February and March was. Look for almost daily bouts of severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, earthquakes, hurricanes and monsoons.

Otherwise, very pleasant.

•Astrological outlook for the months ahead: Around May 29, Aquarius will enter in to the house of Virgo, creating a flux of

the moons just leaving Babylon 4. Orion will begin a latent period of reversal, none of which will be picked up by the Hubble telescope.

Libra moves out of the picture, due to a hostile takeover by Microsoft. Aries will peak, but this will not keep Sagittarius from placing a close second in the Kentucky Derby.

(I just made all this stuff up. Neat, huh?) Early to bed and early to rise and you'll miss all the jokes on Letterman.

•Things to look for in the coming months: -Pamela Anderson's now-removed breast implants will go on auction at Sotheby's.

-Mayor Hal Daub will, once again, change hairstyles from the outdated "Pat Riley slick-back job" to the new "Richard Simmons Caucasian fluffy-guy fro."

-A woman from Chickenpox, Okla. will go on the "Jenny Jones Show" and announce she was impregnated by Al Gore's sexual stand-in.

-In an effort to beat the competition, Younker's will break out all of their Christmas decorations by July 4.

-Large sections of the MIR space station will land in your backyard.

A bird in the hand will usually do a number two right there in your palm.

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•Horoscopes for May, June and July:

Kindness to large, mean dogs will pay off big dividends. A smile should be your calling card. Tater tots will play a huge role in your travel plans. Don't bet on the Bulls to repeat as national champions.

Coming next month: Turning your old 8-tracks into garden fertilizer. Hillary's tips on making money in cattle futures. And, the author of "Men Who Love Women Who Hate Men Who Love Football."

Mock U.N. Not the Solution to Retention Problem



Is the establishment of a mock United Nations conference at UNO an answer to retention and recruitment problems?

No.

UNO Student Government voted Thursday to continue with a plan proposed by Senator Pete Wetzels of IS&T.

The plan would bring in about 100 high school students who show some interest in attending UNO. The idea is to give these students a chance to see UNO for what it is, a campus with great opportunities. The plan has a price tag of about \$11,700.

Supporters hope to raise these funds from area corporate sponsors, but if those sponsors do not materialize, supporters want to use university funds that are presently in a reserve fund. This reserve, containing over \$105,000, is under the partial control of student government. This money is, in a way, our money, the money of the UNO student body.

I must agree with UNO Student President/Regent Jon Shradar.

This does not happen that often, when he told today's Gateway, "The students have already paid that \$8 fee, they want us to allocate the money to benefit them, not future students."

That's right.

My student fees should not go to a pet project established to motivate potential UNO students. Money should instead go to motivating and keeping students who already attend UNO. These are the people we need to focus in on first and then we should worry about new and potential

recruits.

Shradar has said he will veto this proposal when it reaches his desk, BRAVO.

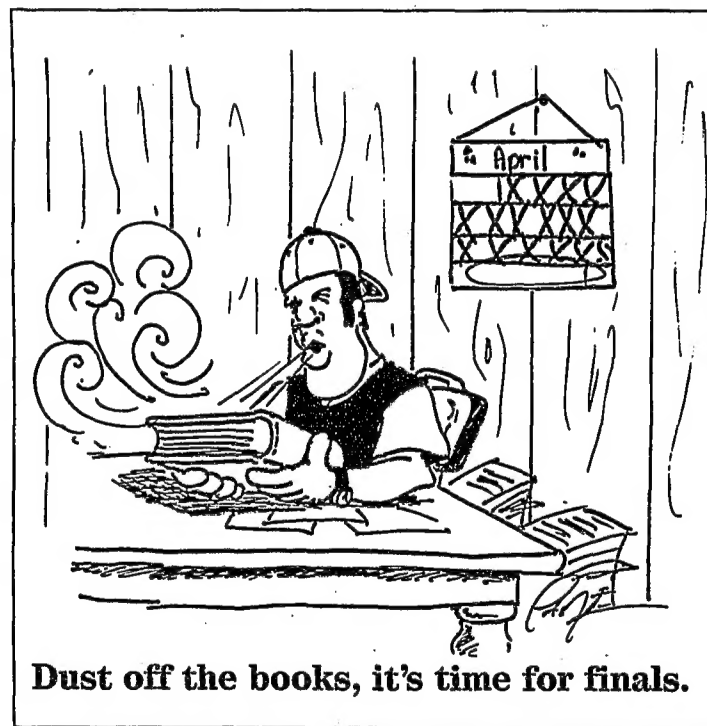
Then it returns to the senate for another vote, this time it needs a two-third majority to over-ride Shradar's veto.

Please, contact your student senators and tell them not to waste our money on this project.

Furthermore, call the student government office and voice your concern over this issue.

Make your voices known.

Take control over what happens to your school and your money.



Dust off the books, it's time for finals.

Shut your mouth and hit the keys.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article written by columnist Curt Meyer, printed April 16.

Mr. Meyer goes on length about what it would take to write an article on breast implants, and yet he makes it all seem like a joke. He fails to suggest that even if he were to write an article about breast implants, he would take the matter seriously and address such issues of the risks and effects of the procedure.

Statements like these, together with the fact that Mr. Meyer almost complains about the difficulty he would have to go through to answer his chau-

vinistic questions, leaves the reader with the stale taste of ignorance in their mouth.

It is such non-informative, uneducation-

al articles as this that gives UNO nicknames such as "West Dodge High" and "University of No Opportunity."

Come on, Mr. Meyer.

By accepting the position of columnist for the Gateway, you have accepted much more than the story you can later tell your kids about when you used to write for the college newspaper.

You have accepted the responsibility of informing, educating, instructing and enlightening us, the study body of UNO.

If this position proves too intense or the required research too much of a burden, please discontinue your representation.

You are making the rest of us look as ignorant as your columns.

Thank you,
Tom Beatty

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Henry Doorly Provides International Escape

Christina Kadlec
Staff Writer

Has semester end stress got you down?
Do you have a problem calling cornfields "scenery"?

Need an exotic escape?

While most students don't have the funds for an Antarctic adventure or an African photo safari, for under \$10 one can enjoy wildlife from around the globe at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo.

For the adventurer, the zoo's 1.5 acre Lied Jungle offers an Indiana Jones style trek. Built to simulate the rainforests of Asia, Africa and South America, the jungle is home to representatives of 90 animal species. Visitors can hike the lower level trail or walk around the canopy catwalk that features a rope bridge and a behind the scenes view of a 50-foot waterfall.

There's great nightlife in the jungle, too.

A cave of nocturnal dwellers showcases the Burmese python and Indian fruit bats among others.

Another main attraction at the zoo is next door to the rainforest. The Walter and Suzanne Scott Aquarium's "Kingdoms of the Sea" offers an up-close experience with marine life.

In its 70-foot long underwater tunnel, you can literally see eye to eye with any number of sharks, rays, and other coral reef fish. The temporary absence of the King Penguins (due to repairs on their habitat) is a notable void. However, the Tufted Puffins still entertain watchers with their above and below water antics. And if you like your lava lamp at home, check out the cylinder containing the Round Pompano: their circular swimming pattern is just as relaxing.

The perfect spot for a break on your journey through more than 400 acres of the zoo is the Garden of the Senses. Accompanying the sights and scents of the flowering plants are two macaws who promptly greet zoo goers with a "Hello" or even, no joke, "Hey, baby!" Don't be scared, the crocodiles in the fountain are just a couple of the animal statues that accent the beautiful foliage.

If you still desire relaxation, visit the Deer Park lagoon. From the covered bridge you can feed the Koi fish or marvel at the antics of the Monkey Islands' inhabitants. The Spider monkeys and White-Handed Gibbons are usually on display in warmer weather.

Lions and Tigers and Bears are found in the Cat Complex and Durham Bear Canyon. The "cat house" is largest facility of its kind in the United States. Built in 1975, it has the capacity to hold up to 100 large cats.

While the bears may not have formal acting lessons, they are the biggest hams in the zoo. One or more of the Polar Bears will happily dazzle you with their backstroke in their large pool. Sun Bears, with their bright orange "bib", wave from a large branch while the Grizzlies beg for cookies. But remember: DON'T feed the animals.

The newest kids' activity is Susie's Wildlife Carousel on the north end of the zoo.

The train operates between Memorial Day and Labor Day. The 30-year-old railroad makes a circular trip through the zoo for a fly-by glimpse of all the highlights. Locomotive No. 395-104 was built in Austria in the late 1800's.

Kids of all ages love the goats of the petting zoo and the other farm animals that reside in the Red Barn. This area, part of the

original zoo, is known as the Ak-sar-ben Nature Kingdom and was built in the late 1960's.

The Dairy World Complex was added in a 1990 renovation of the Nature Kingdom. It includes a life-size replica of a dairy cow and a 50-seat theater.

Speaking of theaters, the Lozier Imax Theater is the 74th such theater in the United States, and only the 27th 3D Imax in the world. The 61' x 83' screen was specially coated to provide a sharp picture to any of the possible 358 viewers in the audience. The projector system, which literally weighs more than an elephant, runs through nearly three miles of film for a typical presentation. Currently, the Imax is showing "Everest" and "Mysteries of Egypt". Shows run every hour starting at 10 a.m.

The zoo is a great place to relax, but it is also dedicated to education and awareness. "Creature Features" are shows that teach about the spotlighted animal. Antarctic penguins, elephants, sea lions, and monkeys are just a few of the stars of these shows, which run Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The Mutual of Omaha Wild Kingdom Pavilion is one more way the zoo seeks to educate. In this building, where most of the zoo's insects and reptiles live, visitors can view different specimen under sliding magnifying glasses. If you're not in the mood to be educated, though, you can still take a jaunt through the pavilion and enjoy the diverse array of animals including Tarantulas, Gila Monsters, and Hedgehogs.

Once you've completed your zoo visit, you may feel inclined to be more than just a spectator. Through the Adopt an Animal program, you can sponsor any number of animals with donations starting at \$25. If you have time, rather than money, to donate, the education office has opportunities for volunteers.

An exotic adventure at the zoo provides the same intrigue and escape as a desert exploration with less time commitment and less threat of danger.

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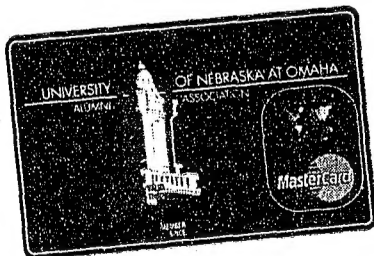
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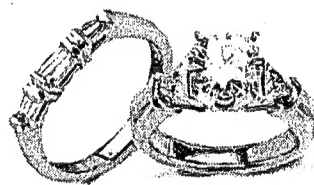
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cussed it enough, they moved rather quickly," Shradar said. "By vetoing it, they'll have to reconsider it at the next meeting. Maybe they'll have thought about it. Right now I'm not comfortable with signing away a check...to benefit high school students that don't go here and may not go here."

Wetzel stressed that his group would attempt to raise the money through corporate sponsors, and that using the fee reserve is a back up plan.

"We look at a fund that has over \$105,000 sitting there," he said, "and the last major use that it went to is the water fountain outside of Milo Bail (Student Center)."

Wetzel also feels that it is the responsibility of student government to tackle issues

like retention and recruitment.

"(The mock United Nations program) is proven on other campuses," he said. "If it takes student government, which is an organization that prides itself on leadership, taking on the problems of UNO, what better means of using student fees than to help the students."

"We're bringing a better campus to the students," he said.

Before the plan could be put into effect, it must be determined by the UNO administration whether or not the reserve funds can be used to fund this program.

Shradar said the reserve will not be able to be used, but Wetzel believes it will.

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private donations and fund raising. The United Way funds about nine percent of the center's annual budget, she said.

The center's volunteers do many different jobs, including mentoring, working with troubled families, helping with homework, playing with the children and a parental assistance line.

"We have a lot of guys who volunteer,"

Kramer said. "Which is good, because some see them as big brothers."

The idea is to make the children feel loved, especially if they come from an abusive home, Kramer said.

"Often it's a cycle where the parent was abused," she said. "We're out to break the cycle."

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Cell Phones Can Give Students Link to Outside

College Press Exchange

Amid the confusion of Tuesday's siege at a Littleton, Colo., high school, some students were able to contact parents, police and news media with the cell phones they carried.

While several Columbine High School students called 911, at least one reached local TV anchors.

"It's really nutty. There's a lot of screaming," a student who identified himself as James told news anchors for Denver's KUSA-TV, which was broadcasting live from the high school.

In their everyday lives, or when the unthinkable happens, modern high school students are far more electronically connected than their baby boomer parents were at that age - more so even than their older brothers and sisters were just a few years ago.

That connection, which injected a technological twist into Tuesday's events, has become almost second nature to teens, through cell phones, pagers, e-mail, laptops and electronic organizers. At best, their older siblings might have had beepers.

"This is a generational thing," said Robert Rosenberg, president of The Insight Research Corp., a telecommunications market research firm in Parsippany, N.J.

Nancy Garvey, spokeswoman for Southwestern Bell Wireless in Dallas, said the number of cell phones being purchased for teens and young adults has increased significantly in the last year. Most are second and third phones that parents buy.

"When we ask why, a lot of them say it's for safety and security," Garvey said.

Cell phones have become more accessi-

ble in the past five years, Rosenberg said, because the price of a call has dropped. Some plans are as low as \$20 a month, making the phones increasingly convenient for teens. This is common despite the fact that many school districts have banned electronic communications devices at school.

During the Littleton shootings, the student named James said he was alone in what he described as a "secure" classroom with the doors locked.

"You need to get off the phone with us and call 911," an anchor told him. "The police want to talk to you."


Later, James called back to say he couldn't get through to authorities. He was told the station would try to patch him through to police. He also was instructed not to give away his location in case the gunmen had access to a TV.

"I heard a couple of gunshots," James told the anchors. "People running up and down the hall. I hear stuff being thrown around the cafeteria. I'm upstairs ... I can hear people crying downstairs."

Other students trapped in the school apparently also called police or their parents on cell phones. Student Kami Vest called her father as she hid in the school with 30 other students, the Associated Press reported.

"They have been able to call out on a cell phone and tell us they are OK," Dale Vest told reporters.

At one point, a KUSA anchor announced that other students in the school with cell phones were having trouble reaching police because 911 lines were jammed. The anchor urged the students to call the station, which would then put them through to police.



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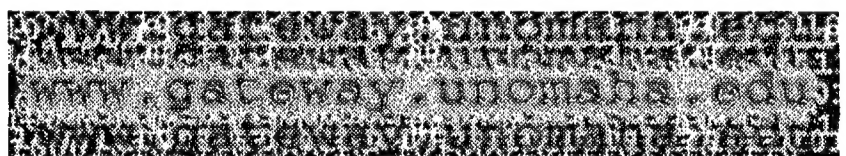
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Earth Day Pow Wow A Success Despite Cold Temps



Chris Machlan

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Native Americans from the Omaha, Winnebago, Santee Sioux, Lakota, and Ponca tribes attended the UNO Earth Day Pow Wow and recruitment day for Native American students organized by the Intertribal Student Council Thursday.

"The pow wow went well," said Larry Bradley, who organized the event, "except for the weather."

The event was originally scheduled to be outside in the Pep Bowl, but due to rain and cool temperatures, it was moved to the Milo Bail Student Center's Nebraska Room.

Bradley said the weather may have cut the attendance in half, but the event was still well attended by native visitors, students and faculty.

The pow wow began with a prayer for the students and their families who were touched by the events at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.

Since the tragedy occurred during Earth Week, organizer Violent Gladfelter said she felt it was an appropriate and touching tribute from the Young Bucks, a local group who served as the pow wow's Southern host drum.

UNO Chancellor Nancy

Belck spoke and received a Native American shawl, a gift from the UNO Intertribal Student Council.

Belck had received recommendations to provide summer programs for natives from K-12.

Gladfelter said Belck was friendly and made the visitors feel welcome.

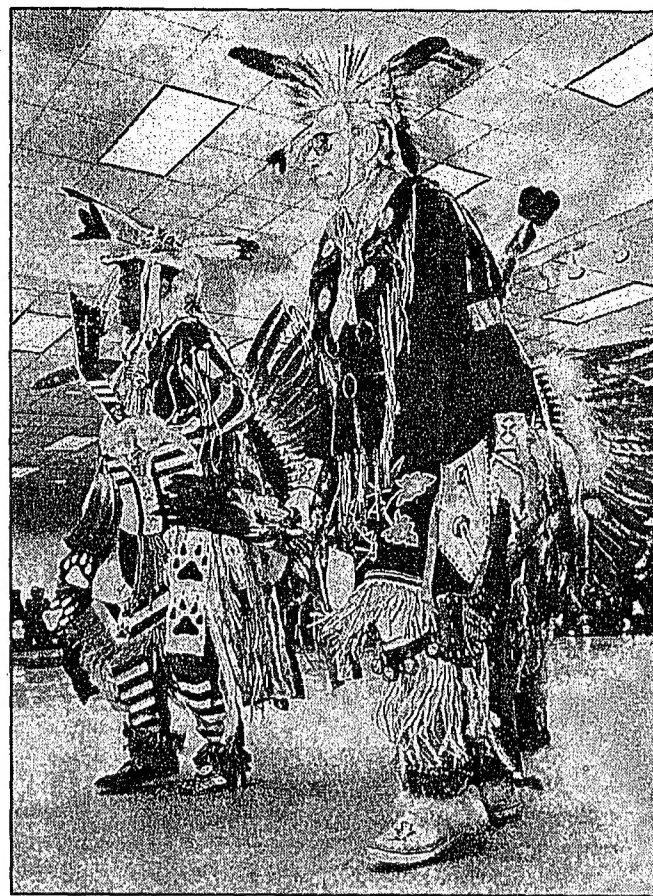
"Chancellor Belck left a warm feeling," she said, who received several calls expressing this sentiment.

"Earth Day is a special day," said Howard Wolf, the master of ceremonies, as he called the pow wow together, following a break. "Let's give thought to how we should treat the ground we walk on," he said in his opening remarks.

Gladfelter said, "Native Americans have always been close to nature and they have great concern for the environment."

Wolf introduced the head male dancer, Jim Wood, as a veteran of Desert Storm. "It seems appropriate that a veteran should lead the dancing," Wolf announced, "since we are currently at war in Kosovo." Wood wore a traditional costume, which incorporated patches from desert storm style camouflage, military patches and a flag of the United States.

The lead female dancer,



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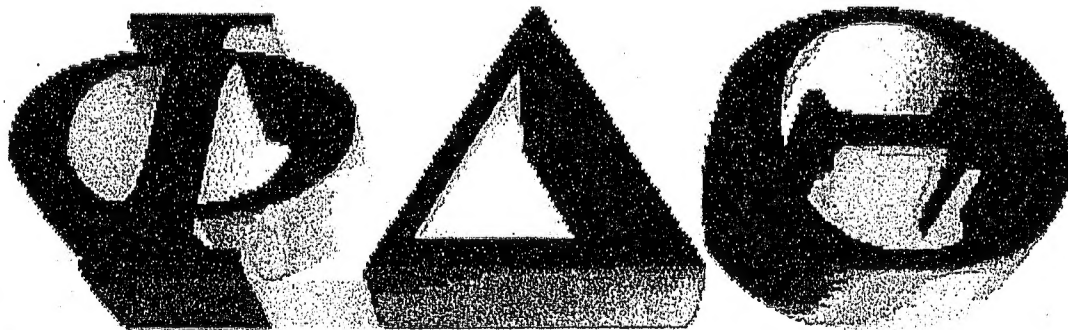
Glenna Slatter, Jr., was introduced by Wolf with obvious pride, as his grand daughter and as a UNO senior. Bradley said 34 dancers signed up to dance, and many from the audience joined in. Belck participated in

the honor dance and the organizers all danced as well.

The dancing was accompanied by live music from the Nebraska Connection, from the Macy Reservation, which served

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Earth Day Founder Hayes Stays Optimistic

College Press Exchange

Not quite three decades ago, Denis Hayes and some of his fellow shaggy-haired college students sat around a cluttered office in downtown Washington, D.C., drinking beer and brainstorming a name for the national event they had been organizing.

"There was Environment Day, Ecology Day, Green Day..." Hayes recalls. "But we went with Earth Day."

It stuck. This Thursday, environmentalists and politicians across the nation will observe the 29th Earth Day by promoting causes ranging from recycling and energy conservation to dam removal and animal rights.

And Hayes, a native of Camas, Clark County, who has returned to his evergreen roots, is on the East Coast this week, looking ahead to Earth Day 2000 while basking in his latest distinction: He has been named one of Time Magazine's "Heroes of the Planet."

Hayes, 54-year-old president of the Seattle-based Bullitt Foundation, which does out money for environmental causes, is the second such Washington state "hero"

named by Time. In December, the magazine recognized **Bonnie Phillips** of Lake Stevens.

Hayes does not seem overwhelmed by his heroic title. He is one of those "Greens" who is accustomed to the rarefied air of the U.S. Senate or corporate boardrooms.

But, 29 years later, he's still willing to re-examine the mission of Earth Day and the movement it helped popularize.

Hayes attributes the concept to former Sen. Gaylord Nelson, the Wisconsin Democrat who gave a speech at the University of Washington proposing a day

of environmental education and action.

As a student at Harvard, Hayes liked the idea, contacted the senator and dropped out of school to become director of the first Earth Day.

"It turned out to resonate most not on college campuses, but among younger, educated women, mothers with time on their hands," Hayes recalls.

Many of the women who got their first taste of public policy around Earth Day 1970 are now in Congress, state legislatures, the judiciary or local planning commissions, he says.

They provided the political impetus that led to the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency, to passage of landmark laws such as the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts and the Endangered Species Act, he says.

Meanwhile, the movement has become truly international, focusing on global issues such as ozone and climate change. "The evidence is clear that humanity has to begin behaving differently or face calamitous results," Hayes says.

But Hayes readily acknowledges that the

movement has its share of problems. While overwhelming majorities of Americans support protecting the environment, the same majorities are far more ambivalent toward "environmentalists."

Environmentalists are frequently guilty of "crying wolf," he says, of mimicking the bearded doomsayers standing on street corners predicting the end of the world.

For his own part, Hayes says he looks to the future with a "robust optimism."

"In some respects, things are actually better than 30 years ago," he says. "But, as a movement, there is an almost congenital aversion to good news."

When environmental issues are debated, there is a tendency on both sides to "communicate with bumper strips," he says, reducing complex issues to slogans while ignoring science. As a result, Hayes has been a strong supporter of the National Institute for the Environment, modeled after the federal science agencies, whose mission would be to help distinguish between political advocacy and scientific fact.

"Everybody is entitled to his own opinion," Hayes says, "but not to his own facts."

"In some respects, things are actually better than 30 years ago."

Dennis Hayes, Earth Day founder

Florida Fire Closes Highway

College Press Exchange

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - South Florida's main east-west highway was closed for a second day Monday as a fire fueled by dry grass continued to blaze through the Everglades, its span widening to 90,000 acres.

There was no indication when smoke would lift off Interstate 75, allowing state authorities to reopen about 60 miles of the route.

The fire was worse Monday than it had been during the two previous days, authorities said.

The blaze produced so much smoke that the sky was

darkened in the Fort Lauderdale and Miami areas on Saturday, forcing drivers to turn on their headlights at mid-day.

Officials said erratic winds and dry, warm weather expected throughout the region for the next two days will likely lead to more fires.

The fire began on the Everglades' western edge Saturday, possibly ignited by a vehicle's catalytic converter. Fanned by erratic, swirling wind, it quickly became the largest of more than 2,450 blazes that have burned 130,000 acres in the state this year.

Study Finds U.S. Getting Cooler, Wetter As World Gets Warmer

College Press Exchange

WASHINGTON — While the rest of the world is getting hotter, the continental United States has become a smidgen cooler and a lot wetter in the past third of a century, according to a new federal study.

The new data, which detected a shift in the climate in the lower 48 states since 1966, runs counter to what many Americans have been feeling and what scientists have been theorizing.

Conducted by two researchers at the Climate Prediction Center, the study concludes the cooling has been subtle, variable and probably not statistically significant. It's barely one-thirtieth of a degree cooler per decade for the lower 48 states as a whole. In the northern Midwest and west of the Rockies, it has gotten hotter, much hotter in Southern California. But it is cooler in the East - especially the

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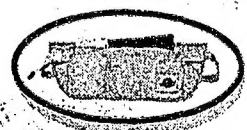


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as the pow wow's Northern host drum and the Young Bucks, from Omaha, served as the Southern host drum.

Guest bands attended and contributed to the performance, including, the Omaha Lodge, from the Macy Reservation, and Four Nations, from Lincoln. The groups all sang in the Omaha language except Four Nations, which sang in Lakota.



CM Chris Machlan

Page 7, left: Derriel Sleeper participates in the Tiny Tot Boy's Grass Dance at Thursday's pow wow.

Page 7, right: Jim Woods, left, and Joe Halloweel dance in the men's traditional dance.

This page, above: Alexis Woods dances in the girl's jingle at last week's event.

TEMPS: U.S. Has Grown Cold

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Southeast - and the lower Midwest.

It's cooler nationwide mostly because late summers and falls have been cooler. Winters have actually been warmer.

There's been nothing subtle or variable about precipitation in the nation. It's been hard to miss. Nearly the entire country - except for slivers of Idaho, Washington state and Oregon - has been wetter. Much wetter. The United States has been getting nine-tenths of an inch more precipitation every decade since 1966. And each month is moister than it used to be, with the fall far wetter.

"We can't really pin any of this on a definite physical cause," said study co-author Rich Tinker, a meteorologist at the Climate Prediction Center, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Past Pow Wows Were Once Big

Marlene Wheeler

Staff Writer

The first half of the Earth Day event was slated to recruit Native American students to UNO. Bradley said recruitment begins by acclimating K-12 students to the campus, so children of all ages were invited. Approximately a dozen Native American students from Omaha public schools signed up for fall classes, said Bradley.

Unfortunately, the Earth Day Pow Wow was not advertised on the reservations because of time restraints, however, a pow wow is already being planned for next year. Bradley said he hopes to start preparations earlier next year, so the word will get out to the reservations and more funds can be raised for a dance competition.

There were no funds this year for prize money, so this year's dance was more of a performance, Bradley said. The UNO campus used to have an annual pow wow and after a five-year hiatus.

The UNO Intertribal Council hopes to once again make it an annual event.

Past UNO Earth Day Pow Wows used to be very big, Gladfelter said. Natives from the Winnebago reservation and students from Haskell College, a Native American school in Lawrence, Kan., used to attend the annual UNO Pow Wow.

Bradley said that he hopes the event will grow each year.

In reference to the statement, "Indians are from India," which was published in the first Gateway article on the pow wow, Gladfelter was concerned people would think Native Americans are from India. Wolf, who made the statement, said the word Indian is not a Native American term.

"Indian," was the label put on Native Americans by Christopher Columbus when he arrived in 1492, believing he was in India. On the other hand, Omaha is a Native American term and Omaha, Neb. is ground zero for the Omaha tribe, which lived on the banks of the Missouri River, the current downtown area, according to Transcriptions of the Nebraska Historical Society.

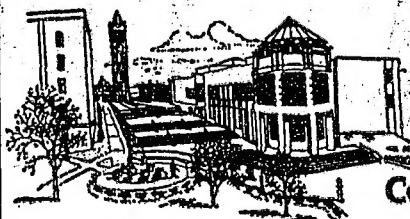
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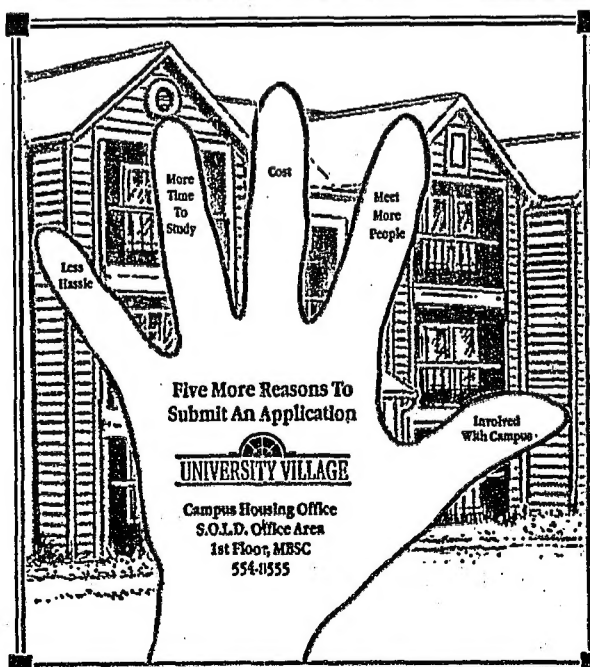
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Your Weekly Horoscope

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Aries (March 21-April 19). Double-check your work on Monday, and resist temptation Tuesday and Wednesday. Join forces with a partner on Thursday, so you can spend more money together on Friday and Saturday. Sunday is your best day this week for travel.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Romance beckons on Monday, so follow. You're in for a pleasant surprise. Develop a passion for paperwork on Tuesday, and by Wednesday a dream could come true. Work to please your partner Thursday, and you might get your way some of the time on Friday and Saturday. Go shopping on Sunday for whimsical items.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Your household is disrupted on Monday, with cleaning. Get it tuned up by Tuesday and Wednesday so you can have company over. Thursday and Friday are your heaviest work days, and Saturday is quite intense too. By Sunday you may be quite tired. Let your partner do the driving.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Study test data on Monday and apply what you've learned on Tuesday and Wednesday, quickly. Get the mess cleaned up on Thursday so you can have a private date at home on Friday and/or Saturday. Save all the chores for Sunday.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Take care not to waste money on Monday. Only bet on the sure thing. Catch up on your reading Tuesday and Wednesday. You'll need that information by Thursday and Friday. Relax at home Saturday, and schedule your big date on Sunday.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're the first one to get the answer on Monday, so share it with others. Use what you know to increase your income on Tuesday and Wednesday, and save Thursday and Friday for paperwork and errands. You'll learn quickly on Saturday, so study up. Sunday is your best day to make changes at home.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't gossip on Monday, at least until you're sure you've got the facts right. You could look for attention Tuesday, and possibly a new romance by Wednesday. The urge to splurge is intense Thursday and Friday. It looks like more money coming in around Saturday, and hopefully it's enough. Be watching for a pleasant surprise on Sunday.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Let a friend help direct your energy on Monday. Keep secrets Tuesday and Wednesday, even if they're juicy ones. Thursday, you're getting stronger, and Friday you're quite powerful, but not unopposed. You could win through a strange twist of fate on Saturday, and find the treasure on Sunday.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Pay attention to the fine print on Monday, and make your cold calls Tuesday. Strangers become friends from then through Wednesday, with little or no effort on your part. Thursday and Friday, the pressure is increasing for you to make a decision. Do it by Saturday, at the latest, so you can relax carefree on Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Travel or contact a foreigner on Monday. Make plans on Tuesday, and rake in the money on Wednesday. Thursday is good for meetings and visiting friends. Friday, there's a conflict between social and private life. On Saturday, the private life wins out, and on Sunday a secret is revealed. Keep it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Communicating effectively could increase your income on Monday. Travel and long-distance business goes best on Tuesday and Wednesday. Take time on Thursday and Friday to think out all contingencies, and make a decision that furthers your career on Saturday. Do something different with friends on Sunday.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). A partner could help you make money on Monday, and spend it on Tuesday and Wednesday. Get what you need from a distant source on Thursday and Friday, and travel with loved ones on Saturday. Learn from a wise philosopher Sunday.

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Strike Held Over Denial of Gay's Benefits

College Press Exchange

PITTSBURGH, Pa. - Two students at the University of Pittsburgh have been on a hunger strike for a week to protest school policies prohibiting the extension of medical benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian employees.

The protesters, members of an organization calling itself the Equal Rights Alliance, said they would continue the strike until the university's board of trustees agreed to meet with them to discuss the issue. School offi-

cials say it's a meeting that's not likely to happen.

The group claims the university is violating a 1990 city ordinance that bars employment discrimination based on sexual orientation. But school officials say those claims have no basis, maintaining that state law doesn't require the university to provide such benefits. To bolster their argument they're quick to note that other state institutions do not cover same-sex partners in their health plans either.

Paper Apologizes For Alleged Racist Cartoon

College Press Exchange

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Syracuse University's newspaper, the Daily Orange, has apologized in print for an editorial cartoon that many students denounced as racist.

About 200 student protesters demonstrated on campus April 19 after seeing the cartoon's depiction of Student Government Association President Michael Julius Idani, who was made to look strikingly like the fictitious Little Black Sambo, a century-old storybook character many African Americans find offensive.

After meeting with a group of student protesters, the paper agreed that the top story of its April 20th edition would be about the protest and contain a quoted apology from the Orange's editor, Ron DePasquale.

The newspaper also

agreed to appoint a student adviser for race issues and to have its staff participate in a workshop designed to promote racial sensitivity.

Cartoonist Dan Dippel said he never intended for race to be a part of the point he was trying to illustrate. The cartoon shows what is

supposed to be Idani skipping down a road with money flying out of his pockets. It was displayed with an editorial criticizing the SGA leader with promising a student group he would help fund a Hip-Hop Showcase without going through proper channels to do so.

Trustee Resigns After Using Racial Slur

College Press Exchange

GREENVILLE, N.C. - A member of the board of trustees at East Carolina University - a major donor to the school after whom its basketball arena is named - has resigned after using a racial slur while meeting with ECU's athletics boosters two weeks ago.

Walter L. Williams told boosters that the university's men's basketball team was sure to improve under its new head coach. If it did not, Williams said, "a nigger in the woodpile" was to blame.

Williams told the Associated Press that he did not intend for his comment to be racial or derogatory.

"At my age, you grow up hearing that," he said. "To me, a lot of times it's said as a definition of soriness. It doesn't have to be black or white."

Nevertheless, Gov. James P. Hunt, who appointed Williams in 1996, said the remark was inexcusable and accepted Williams' resignation April 20.

ECU Chancellor Richard Eakin said he believed Williams' comment was a slip of the tongue and not meant to be offensive.

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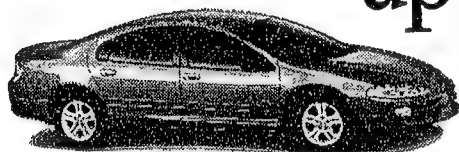
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Paper Reveals Delay In Acting Against Accused

College Press Exchange

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - Officials at Western Kentucky University are running for cover in light of a recently publicized bombshell of a report detailing numerous accusations of sexual harassment lodged against a former administrator by female students and employees.

A local newspaper, "The Park City Daily News," obtained a copy of the 340-page internal report, which concluded that C. Wayne Jones, director of the university's Glasgow campus, had been sexually harassing female students and employees for years.

Though only four women filed formal complaints about Jones, an affirmative-action officer who testified before internal investigators said that if she had tallied all of the calls she had received from women complaining about Jones, there would have been at least 50.

Efforts to reach Jones were unsuccessful.

Sports

Hot, Hot, Hot: Maverick Softball on Fire



Above: Maverick pitcher Tara Buzzell throws one in to catcher Jennifer Carson in a recent game against Morningside. Right: Maverick Kelly Davis, left, watches from on deck as Stephanie Schnabel, No. 8 Kelsey Duckworth and Jenny Redlinger all score on a double by Jill Peterson, helping the Mavs beat Wayne State 9-1 Wednesday.

Andy Nordmeier
Sports Editor

The Maverick softball team pasted Wayne State College twice Wednesday afternoon, to run their win streak to 10 in a row and improve the team's record to 38-9 following the 9-1 wins.

In the first game, the Mavericks blitzed Wayne State with three runs in each of the first two innings. The first inning saw the Mavericks put the three runs up with two outs. Two of those runs came off the bat of pitcher Tara Buzzell, when she doubled in Valencia Moody and Tiffany Jones.

Inning two saw the Mavericks capitalize on Wayne State miscues of an error and a wild pitch, to help plate their three runs in the inning.

Buzzell was cruising along on

the mound and had only one bad pitch, the one third baseman Heather Conley parked over the outfield wall in the fourth inning for Wayne State's lone run.

The Mavericks would get the run back in the bottom of the fourth inning by taking advantage of another wild pitch and upping the lead to 7-1.

The final runs came in on RBI doubles from Jill Peterson and Jenny Redlinger to put the Mavericks ahead 9-1 and call the game with two outs in the bottom of the fifth on the eight-run rule.

Senior Tara Buzzell threw five innings, allowed five hits and struck out three in picking up her 15th win of the season.

The nightcap went the same way as the first game. The Mavericks pushed four runs across the plate in the first two

innings, gave up a home run, and scored five in the bottom of the fourth to get the game called after 4 1/2 innings on the eight-run rule.

Peterson led the team to the sweep with five RBIs on just two hits. Peterson brought two runs home with a double that plated Redlinger and Stephanie Schnabel.

The other three RBIs came in the five-run fourth when Peterson doubled with the bases loaded and advanced to third on an error.

Freshman Erin Drinnin picked up the win and improved her record to 3-1 with five innings of two-hit ball.

The Mavericks' next game is today at Claussen-Westgate Field, where the Bellevue Bruins will come to town in the home finale for the Mavericks and senior pitcher Tara Buzzell.



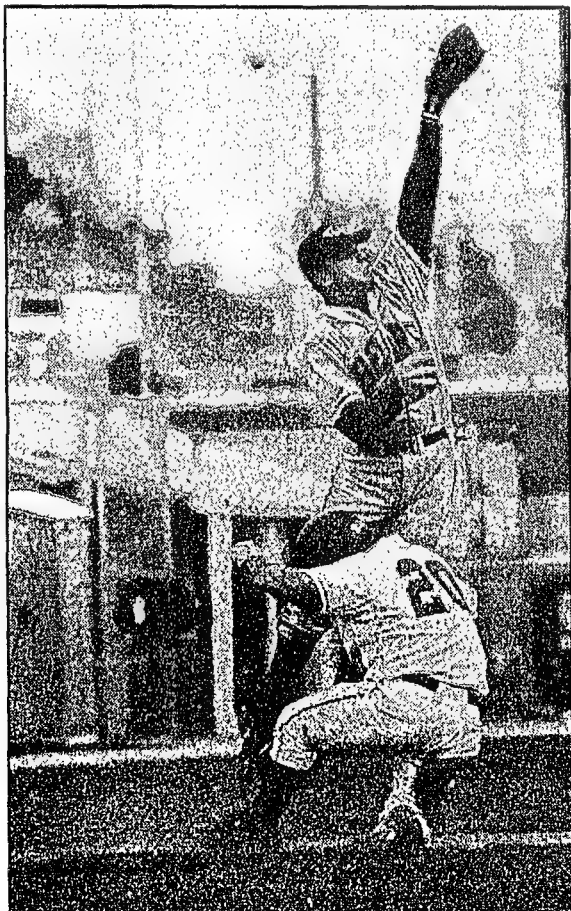
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Standings as of April 24

Team	NCC	All Games
Augustana	21-4	41-7
MAVERICKS	15-5	37-11
North Dakota St.	10-4	34-9
St. Cloud St.	13-5	27-9
South Dakota	12-14	27-22
Morningside	9-14	19-22
North Dakota	4-12	9-22-1
Minnesota St.	4-13	15-22
South Dakota St.	4-16	8-29
Northern Colo.	1-8	14-31

NOTE: The top four teams in final regional poll make the playoffs with the top-ranked team hosting the regional May 14-15.

Maverick Boys of Summer Finish Out Their Home Season



Maverick Brad Prokupek slides safely into third, just missing the tag by UNC's Noah Mason.

Andy Nordmeier
Sports Editor

The Maverick baseball team closed out its home season with a split against Northern Colorado Saturday afternoon. The Mavericks won the first game 3-2 before falling 5-3 in the nightcap.

The Mavericks, who improved to 16-20 with the split, waited until the last possible moment to win the first game.

The Bears of Northern Colorado held a 2-0 lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning. The Mavericks shot back with three runs, two of them coming on a John Shoemaker double, to take the win in game one 3-2.

The Mavericks weren't able to put together a comeback in the second game and dropped it 5-3.

The best Maverick opportunity came in the fourth inning when they had the bases loaded before Brad Prokupek was caught looking to retire the side.

The games come at a critical time for the Mavericks, as well as the entire North Central Conference. This weekend's games will go a long way in determining who makes the four-team playoff field and who gets to hang up the spikes until February.

The Mavericks came into the weekend tied for second place with South Dakota State at 7-5 in the league. Behind those two teams is a logjam as six teams are within two games of second place. Even cellar-dwelling Morningside at 4-10 still has a mathematical chance of making the playoffs with just one week-

end left in the regular season.

The Mavericks close out the regular season with a trip to the state of North Dakota for four key games. The Mavericks face North Dakota Friday at 1:30 p.m. and North Dakota State at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Last season, the Mavericks won three of four on the final weekend of the regular season to make the playoffs before being bounced by Northern Colorado.

If the Mavericks make the playoffs, they will start on May 6 at the site of the first-place team. If Northern Colorado finishes first and chooses not to fly out 25 members of each of the other three schools in the four-team playoff, then the playoffs will be held at the home field of the second-place team.

The standings through games of April 24

Team	NCC	All games
*Minnesota St.	13-2	21-9-2
*South Dakota St.	8-6	18-17-0
*MAVERICKS	8-6	15-20-0
*North Dakota	8-8	23-24-1
South Dakota	7-7	22-20-0

Northern Colo.	7-7	15-19-0
St. Cloud State	6-9	17-16-1
Augustana	6-8	13-17-0
North Dakota St.	6-10	16-21-0
Morningside	4-10	19-20-0

*denotes playoff qualifier if season ended April

Track and Field Miss Win at Iowa Relays

Andy Nordmeier
Sports Editor

The Maverick track and field team found out the difference in speed between Division I and Division II at the Drake Relays held Friday and Saturday in Des Moines, Iowa.

The Mavericks, one of the faster teams in running events and ranked first overall in the latest poll, weren't able to post a win at the meet.

The Maverick relay team in the 4x200-meter race (Carly Lambert, Sarah Tate, Cathy Craig and a fourth runner listed as "unknown" on the scoresheet) finished third in their heat in a time of 1:46.30. By comparison, Division I Ball State won the heat in 1:38.10

The same sort of result happened in the 4x100-meter relay heat when the Mavericks finished sixth in 48.78 seconds. Iowa State, the third-place finisher, broke the tape in 46.54 seconds.

Heat races didn't prove to be kind to individuals either.

Lambert, who ran a 12.33 time in the 100-meter dash didn't qualify for the finals as she was 0.60 seconds off the qualifying pace.

LaShonte McReynolds finished seventh in her heat in the 100-meter hurdles and was more than a second off of the qualifying time.

When the Mavericks did make it into the finals of events, they were hurt by the speed of Division I but found out more about some of their North Central

Conference foes in the process.

In the sprint medley relay finals, the Mavericks finished 14th in 4:12.12. They were able to get a look at the teams that North Dakota State (fourth), South Dakota (sixth), North Dakota (seventh) and Augustana (tenth) all use when they "load up" for an event. A total of nine seconds separated fourth place from 14th place.

In the 4x400-meter relay finals, one of the Mavericks' best events, they finished sixth and were again beaten by a pair of NCC teams in North Dakota State (second) and Augustana (fifth).

The Mavericks also ran at the Nebraska Wesleyan Open in Lincoln, Neb. Sunday afternoon and results were not available at press time.

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Sports

Soccer Signee

The Maverick soccer team has added its ninth player, Akeisha Varnado. Varnado, a forward from Kansas City, Mo. scored 17 goals in her junior season in high school at

UNO Rugby Wins at Weekend Tournament

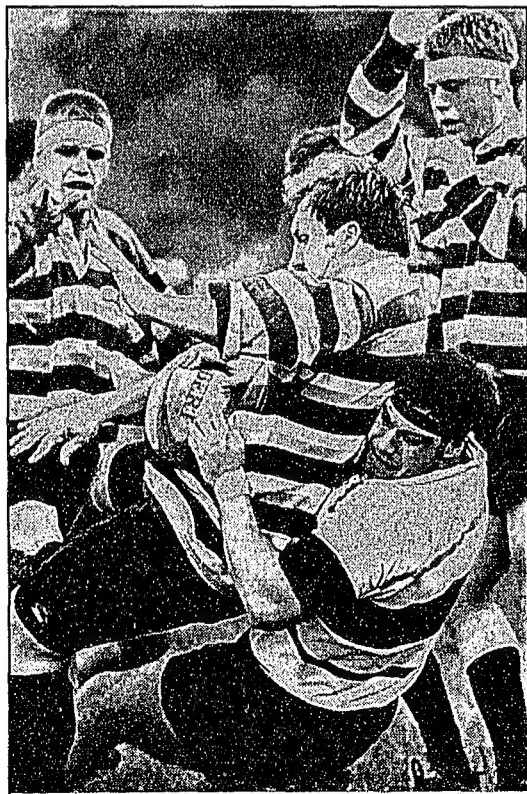
This past weekend the UNO rugby team participated in the Great Plains Invitational tournament. The tournament took place at the Storz Rugby Complex.

Last weekend's tournament had teams from several area schools and even a team that traveled from Winnipeg, Canada.

UNO was paired against the Winnipeg Assassins for their first game and won 23-15. Team captain Andy Wettengel was impressed with the win stating that the other team was from a larger league and had more experience. UNO was not so fortunate in their next pairing against South Dakota State University. SDSU took the title last year and their experience showed Saturday. Consistently gaining possession in scummages resulted in a 10-41 loss for UNO.

The UNO team didn't seem set back however, they all were there to do their best and have fun. UNO rugby plays next at the Omaha Rugby club May 15 at the Storz Rugby Complex.

photo and story by Joe Hammeke



St. Teresa's Academy. As a freshman she scored 25 times and assisted on 20 others. In addition, Varnado carries a high grade-point average and is the first recruit from the state of Missouri.

Maverick head coach Don Klosterman is planning on signing about three more players before the start of pre-season practice in August.

Wrestling Recruits

The Maverick wrestling team has signed three new wrestlers for next season in Blu Wahle of Underwood, Iowa, Bob Edmonds of Omaha and Lance Tolstedt of Kearney, Neb.

Wahle, who will wrestle in the 165-pound class, was a highly-prized recruit the Mavericks landed. Wahle tore through his opponents and finished with a four-year mark of 187-17 at Underwood High School. That is an all-time state record for career wins and he holds the marks for consecutive wins with 105 and the most wins in a single season, 56, in his senior year. Wahle was a combined 105-0 over his final two years at Underwood and a two-time state champion.

Edmonds, who will come to the Mavericks from Millard North High School, is another two-time state champion for the Mavericks as he won state titles in each of his last two seasons at Millard North. Edmonds finished his career with a 113-20 mark, 66-3 over his last two seasons.

Tolstedt, a heavyweight, went undefeated in his final two seasons wrestling for Kearney High School and is a four-time conference champion. Tolstedt ran through the Nebraska Class A tournament this year as he polished off four opponents in a combined 2:29.

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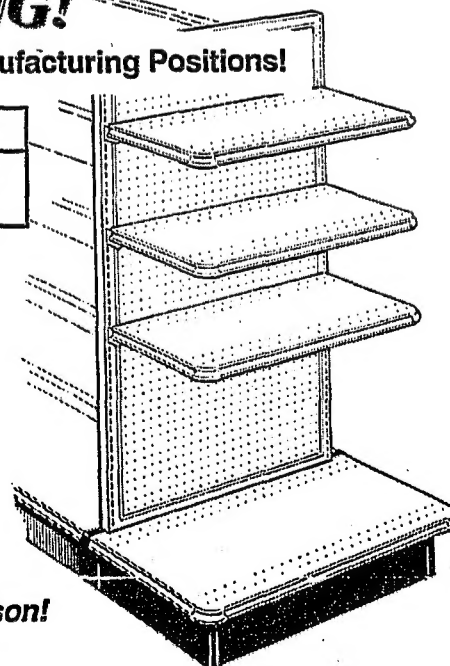
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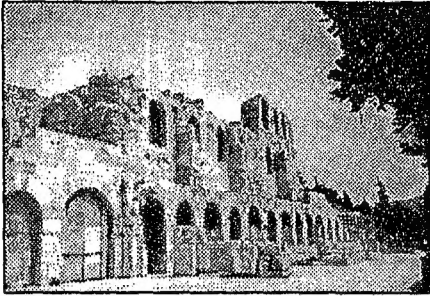
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How To Start Planning For Summer Travels

Rebecca Moermond

Staff Writer



Does the thought of planning for a vacation stress you out more than an organic chemistry final?

Do you need a break but don't know where to start?

Summer vacations don't have to leave you broke and stressed out. With a little planning and organizations, a minimal budget can find you weeks of enjoyment.

"Everyone should travel," said Pete McGargill, Omaha native and avid traveler. "You get to see another part of the world and broaden your horizons."

Although you can now be as close to China as you are to a keyboard, the world is still a pretty big place.

So how do you decide where you want to visit?

So much to see, so little time.

"A lot of people from Omaha are plan-



ning trips to places like Ireland, Paris and London," said Georgia Gruener, owner of a store in the Old Market. "Oh yes and a lot of cruises."

Whether you prefer sunbathing on an island in Greece or rock climbing in the Alps, the possibilities are endless.

All it takes to make a decision is a little information.

Internet sites such as www.lonelyplanet.com and www.thetrip.com offer facts and history about any region; the best time of the year to travel; specific attractions; recommended readings; maps; and travel arrangement details.

If you feel more comfortable speaking with someone in person, travel agents are as close as your telephone. They can discuss brochures and specifics about locations all around the globe.

Once you have decided on a place the next step is getting there.

Tickets. Tickets? Tickets!

If you're not a frequent flyer, the thought of booking tickets for a trip might seem as foreign to you as the place you are going to visit. A quick visit to your computer or yellow pages should ease your worries.

Travel agents book 75 percent of all air travel tickets and 95 percent of all cruise vacations. They can also make arrangements for hotel reservations, car rentals, sightseeing tours, baby-sitting, up grades and shipboard weddings. They can also provide discounts only available to professionals.

The Internet is also a great way to book tickets at your convenience. Sites like www.expedia.com allow you to take a look at what some of the best deals are and book your own flight.

If you are thinking about traveling around Europe you may want to check out special rail passes which allow you to travel on European trains without the hassle of buying tickets at every station. They also allow you discounts on things like backpacks and travel guides.

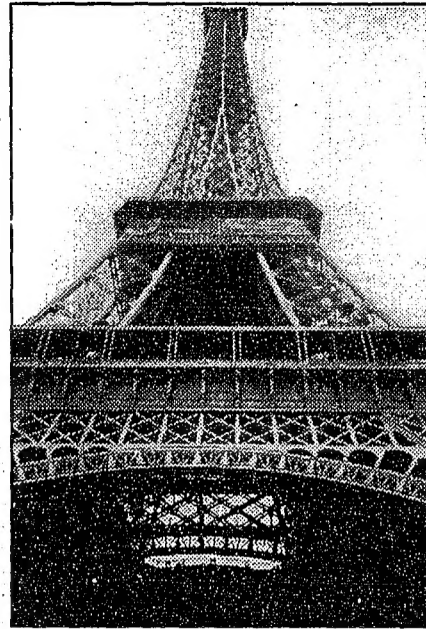
"Rail passes give you an amazing amount of freedom," McGargill said. "You can wake up in Holland and be in Paris in three hours."

Check out rail passes on the web at www.Eurorail.com or call 1-800-660-5300 for more information. Your travel agent can also help you book passes.

Make sure to check out special student fairs for all tickets.

"Student fairs are great for procrastinators," said Debbie Corey, travel agent will AAA Nebraska. "But sometimes they are a little risky because you have to book them shortly before your trip and make sure there is a seat for you to make it back on time."

"Many parents end up buying students more expensive tickets to make sure they are back in time for school," said Lisa



Engle, travel agent with Allied Tours and Travel.

Whether a student or not it looks like Europe is an inexpensive way to go this year according to the most recent summer fairs.

"You can make it to London for \$598 round trip," Corey said.

The fairs are always subject to change, but they look pretty reasonable. Some of the current rates include: Paris \$860; Dublin \$848; Madrid \$970; and Frankfurt \$966.

For discounts around the world students can apply for international student ID cards and hostelling memberships. For more information call 1-800-5LETS GO (1-800-553-8746).

Okay so you have your ready to travel, but where do you start with packing?

"I'm going to grandma's house and I'm going to bring..."

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You can apply for one at your local county clerk's office, the post office at the feder-



al passport office. You will need two passport photos available at AAA and the necessary fees. Be ready to wait up to one month to receive it.

Make sure you have all of your immunizations. Contact the Douglas county immunization center at 444-6163 for more details.

The contents of your suitcase will no doubt vary depending on where your destination is, however there is one essential piece of advice.

"Pack light," Gruener said.

You are more than likely to find what you need, if you really need it, wherever you go.

However to save your self a lot of time and money make sure to pack the essentials such as a watch and first aid kit.

It may be a good idea to pick up a little common courtesy as well. Even though at most tourist spots you can get by in English, it is always nice to know the language of the land. You can pick up a phrase book at Borders for as little as \$3.50 and language tapes for \$16.95.

Now for the fun stuff!

Everything's ready and you now you



face the airports. Nothing to fear the Internet is here. Sites like www.thetrip.com offer airport maps and guides on what each airport offers. If you have trouble finding your way around then, "ask questions," said Alex Allen, Omaha resident and frequent traveler.

"Ask for directions and ask about your bags or things will get lost," Allen said.

Make sure to check in early and have all your documents ready when you arrive at the airport.

"Lines can get long you need to be prepared," Allen said. "Read signs and pay attention."

Top left: The theater on the Acropolis • Athens, Greece (photo by Rebecca Moermond)

Bottom left: The Houses of Parliament and Big Ben from the Thames River • London, England (photo by Rebecca Moermond)

Center: Eiffel Tower • Paris, France (photo by Rebecca Moermond)

Above: The Bay Bridge and the Ferry Building • San Francisco, Calif. (photo by Chris Machian)

Right: From a beach in Mazatlan, Mexico overlooking the Pacific Ocean (photo by Wendy Townley)

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See the
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A Travel Checklist

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- passport
- visa
- health documentation
- tickets
- emergency information
- insurance
- traveler's checks
- guide book
- other _____

Travel Gear

- main travel bag(s)
- everyday bag
- passport and cash holder
- other _____

Everyday Basics

- travel clothing
- rain protection
- travel footwear
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- tissues/toilet paper
- other _____

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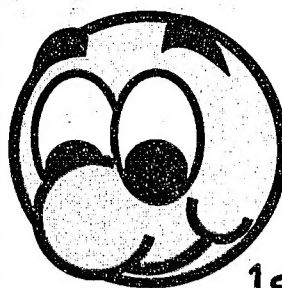
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- duct tape
- sewing kit
- travel laundry soap
- other _____

Travel Health

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- cold medicines
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- insect repellent
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- personal hygiene items
- other _____

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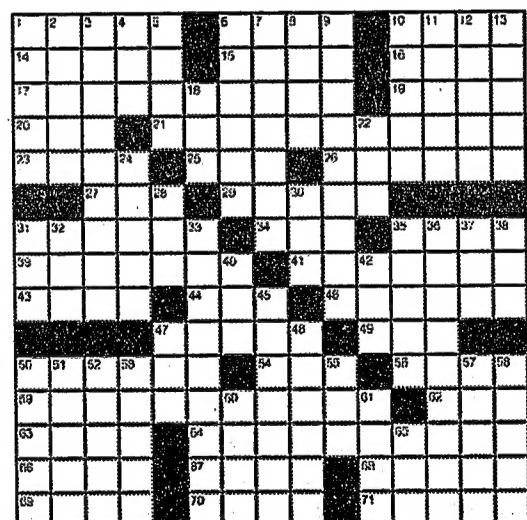
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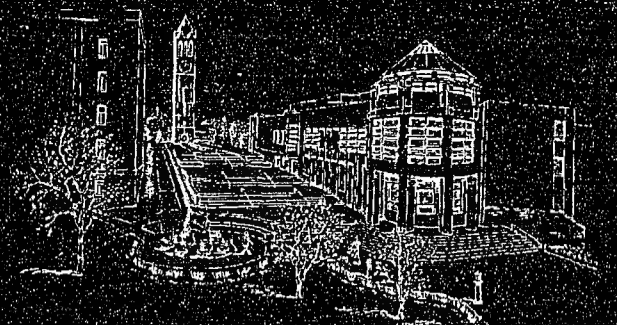
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Tues., April 27th

7 am Catholic Campus Ministry
8 am Security Interviews
9 am Facilities
10 am Japanese Studies
10 am United Christian Ministries
11 am National Panhellenic
12 noon Quest
12:30 pm SPO Rising Star
1 pm Japanese Studies
1 pm Master Success
2 pm Graduate Faculty
2 pm Japanese Studies
2 pm Reception - Blaine Ward
2 pm Intertribal
5 pm Alpha Xi Delta
7:30 pm Phi Delta Theta

Wed., April 28th

10 am Student Organizations
11 am Travel - SPO
11 am Traffic Appeals
11:30 am Student Organizations
11:30 am Educational Administration
11:30 am Cinco de Mayo - A.L.A.S.
11:30 am Teacher Education
12 noon African American Organization
12 noon A.A. Meeting

12 noon Elton Carter Luncheon
12 noon Food Services Luncheon
12 noon Intensive Language
12 noon Chapter Summary Bible Study
12:30 pm Recruitment
12:30 pm Economics
1 pm Connections - Teacher Ed
1:30 pm Pacesetters
2:30 pm Educational Resources
2:30 pm Student Programming
9 pm Campus Lutheran Ministries

Thurs., April 29th

8 am Herman Cain Breakfast
8:30 am MBSC Meeting
9 am UNO TV/Consider This...
9 am Herman Cain Leadership
11 am Chapter Summary Bible Study
11 am SPO - Mark Nizer
11:30 am Assessment Committee
11:30 pm Information Systems
12 noon College of Business
1 pm Arts & Sciences
1 pm Psi Chi
2:30 pm Panhellenic
2:30 pm Administrative Systems
4 pm Orientation
5 pm Construction Engineering
5 pm Order of Omega

7 pm Delta Sigma Theta

Fri., April 30th

8:30 am Board of Regents Meeting
10 am Multicultural Support Services
10 am Maverick Radio
11 am HIV/Aids
12 noon Board of Regents
12 noon HPER Part Time Faculty
12 noon Interfraternity Council
12:30 pm Recruitment
2 pm Judicial Board
5 pm Campus Crusade

Sat., May 1st

8:30 am Orientation
10 am Zeta Phi Beta
10:30 am Faculty Women
12 noon Theta Chi
1:30 pm Delta Sigma Theta
8 pm Burke High Prom

Sun., May 2nd

2 pm Sigma Kappa
2 pm Gateway Alumni
2 pm Showcase UNO
5 pm Zeta Tau Alpha

5 pm Theta Chi

6 pm Lambda Chi Alpha

Mon., May 3rd

8 am I.I.A. Exams
11:30 am Special Education
2 pm College of Education
5 pm Chi Omega
6 pm Campus Crusade
10 pm - 2 am Late Nighter

Tues., May 4th

7 am Catholic Campus Ministry
8 am I.I.A. Exams
8:30 am Goodrich Program
9 am Tele-conference
12 noon Quest
12 noon Honors Committee
2 pm Public Relations
5 pm Alpha Xi Delta
10 pm - 2 am Late Nighter

Wed., May 5th

8 am I.I.A. Exams
11 am Traffic Appeals
11:30 am Bosses Lunch/E.O.P.A.
12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous

12 noon Intensive Language
12 noon Latin American Students
12 noon Academic Affairs
12 noon Aviation Institute
12 noon Chapter Summary Bible Study
1 pm Executive Graduate Council
2:30 pm Student Programming
9 pm Campus Lutheran Ministry

Thurs., May 6th

8 am Aviation Institute
9 am Music Department
9 am UNO Television/Consider This...
11:30 am Information Systems
12 noon Academic Planning
7 pm Delta Sigma Pi

Fri., May 7th

8:30 am Library
10 am Maverick Radio
10 am Multicultural Support Services
11:30 am Public Administration
11:30 am Women's Studies
11:45 am Communications Luncheon
12 noon International Programs
4 pm Site Supervisors
5 pm Campus Crusade

Classified Ads

NOTICES

Advertising will be rejected that discriminates based on age, race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, marital status or sexual orientation.

LOST & FOUND

FOR ITEMS LOST AT UNO
Contact Campus Security, EAB 100, 554-2648.
Turned-in items can be claimed by a description and proper identification.

Advertising for items lost or found on the UNO campus will be published free in the Gateway for two weeks. Forms are available at the Office located in Milo Bail 1st Floor.

PERSONALS

Sports Trivia Scores/
Spreads And More!!!
1-900-289-1021 ext. 9191
\$2.99 per min.
Must be 18 yrs.
Serv-U 619-654-8434

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Husker Paint Ball
Frat against Frat!
Sorority against Sorority!
Faculty against Faculty!
Call for special group rates.
291-5041

GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS

Gay, Lesbian, Bi or wondering? Confidential, off-campus discussion and support groups. For more info. Call 453-8824 or e-mail ophilip@unomaha.edu

One Day Only!

The Labyrinth is here.
Experience it for yourself.
Open to all from 10:00 am to 7:30 pm.
MBSC Ballroom
Brought to you by United Christian Ministries

HELP WANTED

Have Fun-Raising Funds for your Clubs, Teams, & Groups
Earn up to \$500 or more!
Put our 25+ years of fundraising experience to work for you. Call Now for details on FREE CD of your choice. 1-800-592-2121 ext. 725

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Maintain a flexible schedule and earn great pay by working temporary assignments at FIRST DATA CARD SERVICES GROUP.

We have both short and long-term assignments for the summer season.
•Admin. Assistants
•Receptionists
•Word Processing
•Customer Service
•Production
Call Ann with Olsten Staffing Services at 777-3557.

Two fun kids (11 & 6) looking for an after-school nanny, for next school year, M-F, 3-6 pm, to pick us up at school, take us home, get us started on our homework or maybe just play for awhile. Great location near St. Wenceslaus/Millard North. Perfect college job. \$100/wk. Call 330-6946.

Summer Camp Staff Wanted

Spend the summer in a natural, relaxed outdoor setting. Great Plains Girl Scout Council seeks qualified Resident and Day Camp Staff for 1999 season.
Positions include lifeguards, nature director, unit leaders and counselors, ropes course director, facilitators and wranglers. Make a difference in a girl's life with the Girl Scouts.
Director, Outdoor Program & Facilities
Great Plains Girl Scout Council, Inc.
7100 W Center Rd, STE 120
Omaha, NE 68106
402-393-4200
e-mail: griscout@radiks.net

Boys Town Respite Home Technician Positions Available. Full-time with various shifts. Get great experience while working with youth in crisis. Call 498-1985 if interested.

Keyboarder Needed For Praise and Worship Band at Thanksgiving Lutheran Church in Bellevue. Must be a Christian. For more information call Cheryl Smith at 293-7843.

Home Pride Foods Inc., of Omaha has several positions available for out-bound APPOINTMENT-SETTING. The base pay is \$9.25 + BONUSES. The hours are 5-9 Mon-Thurs, 8-8 Fri, and 9-1 Sat. Experience is encouraged, but not mandatory. Contact Jo Miller at 339-8822.

AUDIO VISUAL OPERATOR

Permanent Position
20 hrs/wk; Flexible Benefits
University of Nebraska Medical Center has an exciting opportunity for someone to operate, deliver, and provide assistance with audio-visual equipment on campus. One year of related work experience is preferred. Ability to do computer word processing and basic knowledge of the operation of slide projectors, video cameras, and general office procedures is desirable. A valid driver's license is required. Flexible hours, M-F 1:00-5:00 pm preferred. Apply Monday-Friday at the Employment Office located at 40th Dewey; mail to 987540 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198-5470, or fax to 402-559-2204. Check out UNMC at <http://www.unmc.edu> AA/EEOE

Kinder Care Learning Center is looking for fun, responsible and caring people to teach infants, two's, preschool and school age children. Full and part time hours available, permanent and summer positions available. No nights, no weekends. Will work around class schedules. Please call or stop by one of the following locations...
3148 North 93rd, Omaha 571-4477
10625 Birch St., Omaha 493-0555
8623 Brentwood, Papillion/LaVista 339-6690
2007 Smith Rd., Bellevue 293-1550

PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD HERE!!!

Make \$7-12/hour
Student Painting Company needs managers and painters. Contact Andrew 444-0275.

REGENCY LAWN
Looking for several hardworking people to help with spring and summer mowing. \$8/hr. Call John at 398-0449

WATERFRONT POSITIONS

College students seeking a unique seasonal job, flexible hours, general boat and facility operation and maintenance, working with the public, sailing and/or canoeing experience helpful. Send resume to: Omaha's Cunningham Lake Marina
8035 Irvington Rd.
Omaha, NE 68122

"Tired of Typical Telemarketing?"
Appointment Setters Needed Flexible Schedule + Great Compensation Part Time/Full Time Shifts Available Opportunity to Join Expanding Omaha Company CALL 597-1144
Ask for Mark No Experience Necessary!! Enthusiasm & Motivation Required!!

Wanted For The Summer Responsible Individual Willing to watch children ages 7 and 12. Hours from 9:00 to 5:30. Fun atmosphere. Call 455-9506 in the evening.

Progressive woman-owned group health insurance agency seeks inside service/sales support persons. Flexible FT & PT positions. Computer/good communication skills. Millard location. Call 896-0661 to apply.

The Boys Town Intensive Residential Treatment Center is hiring for the following positions:

Behavior Service Technicians, Special Education Teachers, RN's, Therapists and Secretaries. We offer flexible scheduling, paid training, weekend and evening orientation, excellent benefits, tuition reimbursement and career ladder opportunities. Potential Internships available. Please call Rachel at (402) 498-6393 for more information.

Part-time General Office/ messenger

Great afternoon hours for self motivated individual. Duties include, copying, filing, answering phones, and messenger with paid mileage. Hours are Mon-Fri, 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm. To apply, call Brenda at 392-1500.

FOR SALE

Moving Sale: Great Antiques, Great furniture; great appliances. Call Elaine 496-7118.

HOUSING

APTS., HOUSES and sleeping rms. for rent, roommate lists - call UNO off-campus Housing Referral Service at 554-2383 or stop in the Admin. Office, Milo Bail Student Center.

We have several 5+ bedroom houses and townhouses for rent in Midtown. Call Dave with Landmark Management Group. 968-6566.

Caretaker Apartments. Small one bedroom 4715 Davenport, central air, security door, parking, heat paid, light duties, lease, references \$265 mos., 558-0025.

Apts. at Student budget rates. 116 N. 37 St., 3304 Burt, 3839 Center, 4701 Burdette. Laundry, in brick, \$275-295-360. Call Ann 344-7130 weekdays 10-5 Sat 10-2.

3-4 Bedroom brick duplexes at 1013 S. 35 Ave. and 4160 Davenport, roomy and redecorated, and other convenient locations. Call Ann 344-7130 weekdays 10-5, Sat 10-2.

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Professional Word processing for all your school papers. Fast and Reasonable also resumes created or edited. Call Ginny 553-3093.

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